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SUBJECT: BUS AND TAXI DRIVERS STRIKE IN BOGOTA

APPEARS OVER

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USCINCSO FOR POLAD

1. BUS OWNERS AND GOC AGREED LATE OCTOBER 2 TO GET BUSES ROLLING EARLY OCTOBER 3. CHAUFFEURS UNIONS WERE NOT CONSULTED ON ACCORD, AND STRIKE WAS STILL LARGELY EFFECTIVE DURING MORNING RUSH HOUR OCTOBER 3, ALTHOUGH A FEW BUSES MANAGED TO OFFER SERVICE AS EARLY AS EVENING RUSH HOUR OCTOBER 2.

2. CTC SOURCES TOLD EMBASSY EARLY MORNING OCTOBER 3 THAT OWNER REPRESENTATIVES OFFERED TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT WITH UTC AND CTC WITHOUT GOC PARTICIPATION. BUT THE CTC CHAUFFEURS FEDERATION REFUSED TO MEET WITH OWNERS. OWNERS WOULD HAVE AGREED IMMEDIATELY TO A FIXED

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WORK SCHEDULE FOR DRIVERS, WITH OTHER ISSUES SUCH

AS SALARY DEMANDS LEFT FOR NEGOTIATION ONCE BUSES WERE ROLLING.

3. UTC SOURCES TOLD EMBASSY LATE OCTOBER 3 THAT UNITY OF CHAUFFEURS UNIONS FELL APART ONCE GOC ARRESTED ORIGINAL LEADER OF STRIKE COMMITTEE TANCREDO HERRAN AND UTC AND CTC AFFILIATES COULD NEITHER AGREE ON SUCCESSOR NOR ON OWNERS OFFER. THESE SOURCES CLAIMED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE UTC AFFILIATES INVOLVED IN THE STRIKE WOULD HAVE MET WITH OWNERS AND THAT OWNERS APPARENTLY WITHDREW OFFER ONCE IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE STRIKERS UNITY SHOWN OCTOBER 1 AND 2 WAS FALLING APART.

4. MEANWHILE MORE BUSES APPEARED ON STREET AS DAY WORE ON, AS UNIONS BROKE RANKS AND OWNERS SAW THEY COULD PUT BUSES BACK IN OPERATION WITHOUT MUCH CHANCE OF BEING DAMAGED. AS OF COB OCTOBER 3, STRIKE APPEARED TO BE BROKEN. THE AFTERNOON PRESS REPORTS THAT ALTHOUGH NO FARE INCREASES HAVE BEEN FRANTED, MANY DRIVERS ARE CHARGING ONE PESO IN LIEU OF THE AUTHORIZED RATE OF 60 CENTAVOS.

5. DURING AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 3 POLICE REPORTED A GRADUAL RETURN TO NORMALITY IN SOUTHERN BOGOTA, WHERE MOST VIOLENCE HAS OCCURRED, BUT CONTINUING PROBLEMS WITH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, WHO ARE STONING AND BURNING VEHICLES NEAR CAMPUS.

6. REPORTS FROM THE OTHER CITIES IN COLOMBIA INDICATE A GRADUAL RETURN TO NORMALITY, BUT WITH SCATTERED INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE.

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